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RE: Amendment Applic. No. 10/045,495 Filed: 10/19/2001 Docket No. VT0314-US1	Number of pages being sent: <u>10</u> (including cover page)

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In re Application of:
Kroll, et al.

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Examiner: Joseph S. Machuga

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O.Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to Office Action, in the above-identified application.

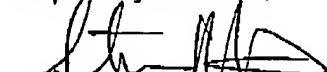
	Applicant petitions for an extension of time for ____ month(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.	\$ -
	An extension for ____ month(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.	\$ --
	Extension fee due with this request	\$ --
X	Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated March 15, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.	
X	No additional fee for claims is required.	
	The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

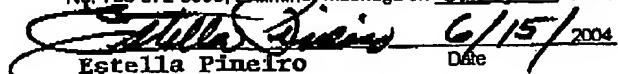
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	17	17	0	\$ 18.00	\$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	minus	=	x		
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT	3	3	0	\$ 86.00	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 260.00

Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 22-0265 of Ventrifex, Inc. Sunnyvale, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0265. If any addition extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 22-0265. This form is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


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